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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis: Mrs. JEAN DISSMAN, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, stated individual bearing striking resemblance to subject visited her office during summer of 1962. This individual inquired regarding procedures necessary to start new organization on campus. Expressed interest in any Cuban student or humanist organizations on campus. Claimed to have appeared on TV in New Orleans. Reportedly spoke on Marxism in inspired and overwrought fashion. Described as evasive and mysterious in his actions. Mrs. DISSMAN viewed photograph of subject and stated profile was exactly like that of individual with whom she spoke, but expressed reluctance to make positive identification.

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On November 27, 1963, Mrs. JEAN DISSMAN, Secretary to Mr. VERN J. HAMPTON, Assistant Dean of Students, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, advised as follows:

During the summer of 1961 or 1962, an individual bearing a striking resemblance to photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD appearing in the newspapers, called personally at her office to inquire regarding procedures necessary to start a new organization on campus. He was advised by Mrs. DISSMAN of the procedures necessary and stated this would be too time consuming, as he was just passing through town and was staying at Illini Union with his wife and baby. This individual expressed an interest in any Cuban student or humanist organizations which might be active on campus. He stated he represented an organization with a title containing the word "Fair", but which did not, according to the recollection of Mrs. DISSMAN, contain the word "Cuba". During the course of the above conversation, this individual mentioned that he was from the South and inquired if Mrs. DISSMAN had ever seen his TV show or whether she had ever seen him on TV in New Orleans. He mentioned the network which carried this show, but Mrs. DISSMAN does not now recall the network.

Mrs. DISSMAN described the above individual as being very evasive in his remarks and stated that she had some difficulty in ascertaining why he had visited her office. She stated, however, that she does clearly recall that at one point he asked her whether she had ever read any of the writings of KARL MARX. He reportedly spoke at some length concerning the writings of MARX and indicated that he was rather well versed in Marxism. Mrs. DISSMAN described his actions as quite mysterious, and related that he did not necessarily seem nervous but did move about the room frequently and changed chairs several times during their conversation. She said that this individual did not have a Southern accent, and described his accent as more Midwestern.

Mrs. DISSMAN continued that the above individual mentioned several times during their conversation of approximately thirty minutes duration, that he was in a considerable hurry and inferred that he did not have time to follow up on any information furnished to him by Mrs.

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DISSMAN relating to the formation of any organization on campus. At no time did he mention the nature of the organization he had in mind. Subsequent to recent articles in the newspapers concerning the assassination of President KENNEDY, and in which photographs of LEE HARVEY OSWALD appeared, Mrs. DISSMAN conducted an exhaustive search of guest records at Illini Union, covering the summers of 1961 and 1962. She stated she she had been unable to locate any record for a guest named OSWALD.

On December 4, 1963, Mrs. DISSMAN advised that she had had sufficient time to reflect on information furnished by her previously, and she reported that she could now state that the above visit occurred during the summer of 1962. She said that she could not specify the time other than to state that it would have occurred sometime between June 1, 1962 and September 15, 1962. Mrs. DISSMAN furnished the following additional information:

During the course of the above-mentioned conversation, she mentioned to the individual with whom she spoke that her home was in Brownwood, Texas. He indicated a familiarity with Brownwood, Texas, and also mentioned something about the Dallas - Fort Worth area, the nature of which Mrs. DISSMAN does not now recall. She stated that she does recall responding to a question about the Dallas - Fort Worth area with an answer to the effect that she had at one time changed buses there en route to her home in Brownwood. Mrs. DISSMAN said that it was possible that the above individual had said something about being from the Dallas - Fort Worth area, but she could not be certain of that at this time.

Mrs. DISSMAN further recalled that the above individual terminated their conversation with a statement to the effect that it was necessary for him to leave, as he had to take his wife to lunch. She said that at no time during their conversation had this individual furnished her his name, despite the fact that she had asked for it several times. As he was preparing to leave, she asked him again for his name and he gave a name which contained as the first two letters "OS---". Mrs. DISSMAN said that she clearly recalled this because at that time she thought that he had said "OSBORN", which is the last name of one of her closest friends. She asked him if he had said "OSBORN"

and he replied in the negative, at which time he said his name more distinctly and she wrote it down on a piece of paper. She said that she had written his name down because she thought there was a possibility that he might return later to speak with her superior, Dean HAMPTON, and she desired to have his name available. When he did not return, she destroyed the piece of paper containing his name.

Mrs. DISSMAN further recalled that the conversation of the above individual on the subject of Marxism was rather frightening. She said that he spoke in a very inspired and overwrought fashion on this topic and she became concerned at one point that there was no one in the office with her during this conversation.

The photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, New Orleans Police Department Number 112 723, taken August 9, 1963, was exhibited to Mrs. DISSMAN. After close examination of this photograph, Mrs. DISSMAN stated that the profile of OSWALD was exactly like that of the individual with whom she spoke. In describing the closeness of the resemblance, she used the words "exact" and "perfect". Mrs. DISSMAN said with regard to an identification, "I would stake my life on it". She concluded, however, that she was not prepared to state unequivocally at this time that the individual with whom she spoke was, in fact, LEE HARVEY OSWALD.